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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS

REFS: A. BONN 09942, B. STATE 136934
1. EMBASSY ECON/COMM MINISTER CALLED ON DR.
LAUTENSCHLAGER (ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN FOREIGN OFFICE)
ON 15 JUNE TO PASS PROPOSED TEXT FOR INCLUSION IN
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OECD MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE AND TO REEMPHASIZE NEED
FOR FRG SUPPORT ALONG LINES OF REF B.

2. LAUTENSCHLAGER SAID THAT SINCE THE LONDON SUMMIT
THE GERMANS HAVE BEEN WORKING TO ALIGN CONFLICTING
VIEWS WITHIN THEIR OWN GOVERNMENT AND TO LIMIT AREAS
IN WHICH THEY ARE NOT IN ACCORD WITH U.S. POSITION.

HE INSISTED THAT THE FRG WANTS A SUBSTANTIVE ECOSOC RESOLUTION ON THE SUBJECT AND IS DOING ALL IT CAN TO MAKE THIS POSSIBLE. HE ADMITTED HOWEVER THAT DIFFERENCES WITHIN THE FRG STILL ARE SIGNIFICANT, AND THAT THE QUESTION OF CRIMINALITY, FOR EXAMPLE, HAS PUT THE FOREIGN OFFICE AT ODDS WITH THE JUSTICE MINISTRY. AS EVIDENCE OF GERMAN AWARENESS OF THE NEED TO MOVE AHEAD ON THE MATTER HE STATED THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL CONCERNED GERMAN MINISTRIES WILL BE HOLDING MEETINGS DURING THE NEXT WEEK, AND THAT THE SENIOR ECON MIN OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR ILLICIT PAYMENTS WOULD BE ATTENDING THE PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION IN PARIS ON JUNE 20.

3. ONE AREA WHICH LAUTENSCHLAGER FELT WOULD BRING DIFFICULTIES WAS THE INCLUSION OF THE YEAR 1978 IN THE TEXT OF THE OECD MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE. HE WAS NOT AT ALL CERTAIN THAT SUBSTANTIVE AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED AMONG ALL GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED IN THAT TIME FRAME, AND THAT THE INCLUSION OF A CUT-OFF DATE WOULD PLACE UNNECESSARY PRESSURE ON THE NEGOTIATORS TO MEET AN UNREALISTIC TIMETABLE. HE CONCLUDED BY REPEATING THAT THE FRG SUPPORTED U.S. EFFORTS AND WANTS TO SEE AN AGREEMENT REACHED. NEVERTHELESS HE WANTED TO BE CERTAIN THAT THE U.S. WAS AWARE OF THE PROBLEMS STILL TO BE OVERCOME, BOTH WITHIN INDIVIDUAL GOVERNMENTS AND AMONG ALL CONCERNED COUNTRIES, AND THUS SHOULD TRY TO BE MORE FLEXIBLE IN ITS APPROACH, ESPECIALLY REGARDING TIMING.

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